



Fighting for America's Health Care

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"Safeguarding access to quality, affordable healthcare for every American is more than the right thing to do. It strengthens our families, communities and national economy."

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Our Health Care is Under Attack

Congressional Republicans and the Trump Administration have made it a top priority to **end health care protections for millions of Americans** under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), working to undermine the law and **voting 60+ times to repeal with no plan to replace** it. This would:

- Eliminate protections for more than **130 million Americans with pre-existing** conditions
- **Drive up out-of-pocket costs** for millions of America's seniors and families
- **Restrict healthcare access** for more than **23 million Americans** by 2024

The **Trump-Republican campaign to sabotage the ACA** is ongoing:

- Arbitrary shutdowns of the federal marketplace website at peak weekend times
- Scrubbing of healthcare enrollment information from government websites
- Actively supporting the extreme Texas v. U.S. lawsuit to repeal the entire ACA

Congressman Tonko is Fighting Back

Strengthening Medicare and Medicaid

- **H.R. 576: Seniors Have Eyes, Ears, and Teeth Act**
 - Expands Medicare coverage to include eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care
- **H.R. 1920: Medicaid Bump Act**
 - Improves mental health services in the Medicaid program by incentivizing more providers to participate.



Reducing prescription drug costs

- **H.R. 965: The CREATES Act**
 - Blocks methods used by name-brand drug manufacturers to eliminate competition by withholding or delaying generic manufacturers from introducing similar drugs
 - Will save patients and the federal government \$3 billion over the next decade
- **H.R.1499: Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act**
 - Ends the "Pay for Delay" practice, which permits name-brand drug manufacturers to pay off generic manufacturers to keep their generic equivalent off the market

Improving coverage and lowering premiums

- **H.R. 1884: Protecting Pre-Existing Conditions & Making Health Care More Affordable**
 - Bolsters tax credits in marketplaces that will **lower health insurance premiums**
 - Blocks Trump Admin junk health insurance plans that fail for pre-existing conditions
- **H.R.1384: Medicare for All Act of 2019**
 - Provides every American with a high-quality comprehensive health plan that would include hospital visits, prescription drug costs, mental health, substance abuse treatment, dental and vision services, and long-term care; all with no co-pays or deductibles

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